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Briefly

Halloween party set in Venice

The city of Venice, area businesses, the Venice Park District and Venice Fire Department will sponsor a Halloween party for youngsters at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Venice Recreation Center, 325 Broadway Ave. The party is open to children ages one to 13 years; parents are asked to accompany small children. Games, prizes and candy will be part of the festivities.

Wellness Fair slated for Saturday

Providence Occupational Health Services and St. Elizabeth Medical Center will sponsor a St. Elizabeth Health Services' Family Wellness Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Screening activities — including hearing, prostate testing, blood pressure and body composition — will be available. Aerobics, fire safety, Tai Kwon do, pharmacology and stress management demonstrations will also be offered. Seminars on living wills, women and heart disease, elderly depression, child communication, women's health issues and attention deficit syndrome will be available. There also will be drawings for attendance prizes.

YMCA plans sleep-over Oct. 28

The Tri-City Area YMCA will hold a sleep-over for children between the ages of five to 12 years of age on Friday, Oct. 28. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, and all children should be picked up by their parents on Saturday morning no later than 7:30 a.m. Activities will include swimming, basketball and other gym games. There will be pizza furnished by Little Caesar's Pizza and cola. Children attending need to bring a swimsuit and towel, gym shoes and a sleeping bag or blanket. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call the YMCA at 876-7200.

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Deaths

Robert Clark Jr.
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Elmer Eckert

75 years ago

Oct. 13, 1919

Passing trucks on State Street have been the cause of many broken glass panes at businesses along the street. A rail, made up of granite materials, is being installed along the route.

Trivia

What is the value of property in Madison County owned by railroad companies?
See Page 10A

Mill seeks ease on restrictions IEPA permits sought

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Saying its profitability is limited by environmental restrictions, Granite City Steel has asked the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to ease those restrictions. Company officials said the firm's ability to compete with other companies is being hampered by IEPA-imposed restrictions that keep its production considerably below capacity. Bob Maxwell, manager for public relations at Granite City Steel, said that IEPA's calculation of air and water emissions at the mill is based on the amount of steel produced. That causes a major bottleneck by

forcing the company to keep production well below the mill's capacity.

To be able to compete in the changing steel industry, National Steel Corp., Granite City Steel's parent company — has applied for temporary and permanent permits from the IEPA raising the cap on the amount of steel the Granite City Division is allowed to produce. Maxwell said that the local mill has the ability at its BOF (Basic Oxygen Furnace) shop to make about 7,000 liquid tons a day to send through its casters. But the IEPA currently limits caster production at Granite City Steel to 7,056 liquid tons a day. This puts Granite City Steel at

(See MILL, Page 10A)

Officials back GCS effort

Local officials say the closing of Granite City Steel would have a devastating effect on the Tri-Cities area and would probably turn Granite City into a ghost town.

"Granite City Steel is the lynchpin of the community. You yank that lynchpin and the rest of the community is in trouble," said Ted Ellerman, president of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

SEMC is the second largest employer in the area, employing about 1,000 workers. Granite City Steel employs more than 3,000 workers and has a monthly payroll of \$12.6 million.

National Steel President and CEO V. John Goodwin estimates that between payroll, property taxes and support of other local businesses, Granite City Steel pumps \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion a



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year into the local economy. As an example of the ripple effect a plant closure would have, Ellerman said the hospital (See OFFICIALS, Page 10A)

Free ride Rail property escaping taxes

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Madison County property owners may be paying more than their fair share of property taxes because railroad companies are not paying their load, the county supervisor of assessments says.

Although the state has responsibility to assess railroad property, County Supervisor of Assessments Bob Harris has discovered at least 69 parcels of property in the county that are owned by railroads and appear to be assessed as having no value — even though many obviously have considerable worth.

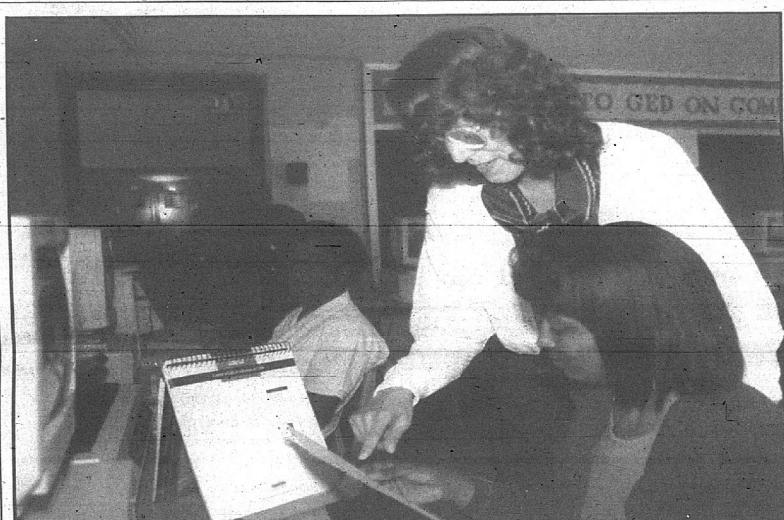
Several of the parcels are leased out by the railroad companies to farmers. Thus, the railroad is receiving revenue from the land but not paying property taxes. Harris' office is continuing to search for similar property that has apparently been "lost" from the tax rolls.

"We are notifying the railroads to come in for hearings. We are considering trying to collect back taxes to 1972, but that decision will be left to the Board of Review," Harris said.

"Much of the unassessed property is junk — like under the overpass in Venice — strips that are maybe 10-feet wide by 30-feet long that have no real use."

"But there is also some pretty big farm acreage," Harris said. Railroads pay property taxes to the state based on length of track. That money is then distributed by the Department of Transportation.

But many railroads also own parcels that have no track or other improvements on them. The rail (See TAXES, Page 10A)



Computer education — Rosanita Valentine, seated, shows a computer printout to Virginia Blackburn, a computer lab instructor at Venice-Lincoln Technical School. Valentine is working on a business degree at the school. See today's People Page, Page 5A, for a story and more photos on the school.

St. Elizabeth joins health-care alliance

St. Elizabeth Medical Center and two other Illinois hospitals announced this week that they will join Unity Health Network — an alliance of health care providers united to help contain spiraling health care costs.

"We are delighted to be a member of a network that shares the same high-quality standards and a commitment to the communities we serve," said Ted Ellerman, president of SEMC.

Ellerman emphasized that SEMC will continue to be owned by the Sisters of

Divine Providence with its local governance and control and that the move is not a merger.

Unity Health Network was formed in January 1994 by three Illinois health care providers: St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. John's Mercy Medical Center (which includes St. John's Mercy Hospital in Washington, Mo.) and St. Luke's Episcopal Presbyterian Hospital.

In addition to SEMC, Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton and St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville have joined the net-

work. "The addition of our Illinois partners to Unity will help us achieve our goals of improving the community's access to high-quality, affordable health care," said Richard Grisham, chairman of the Unity board of managers and president of St. Anthony's Medical Center.

"By expanding Unity's presence into Illinois, we can provide quality health care not only to businesses and individuals in Illinois, but also to companies with employees on both sides of the Mississippi River."

Unity currently offers a network-wide occupational medicine service and a managed mental health product. Grisham said the network will consider additional network-wide services during the coming months, including expanded outpatient dialysis, mobile mammography, cardiac rehabilitation, home health service — including medical equipment — and prevention screening programs.

"By sharing such services, the network will be able to enhance quality, reduce (See ALLIANCE, Page 10A)

Comments sought on cleanup

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 is seeking public comments on a proposed plan to clean up lead-contaminated soil on about 1,600 residential properties in Granite City, Venice and Madison.

The contaminated soil came from the NL Industries-Taracorp Superfund site in Granite City. Based on current information, EPA has calculated a safe cleanup level for lead in residential soil at 500 parts per million.

Besides the proposed plan, which evaluated results of scientific studies, EPA is continuing to review cleanup alternatives for the Taracorp pile, main industrial area and ground water. EPA will do pilot studies and release another proposed plan in 1995 for these areas.

Written comments on the cur (See CLEANUP, Page 10A)



(Photo by DIANA KINDER)

Harvest — Five-year-old Ryan Warford and Brittany Raycu, 4, both of Granite City, get a chance to pet some goats at the annual Holiday Harvest on Sunday. See Page 6B for more photos.

Permits not approved Pontoon questions construction plans

By Hiley Schulte
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Board of Trustees will meet with David Jones, owner of Chateau Bay apartments, after questions about building requirements arose at Tuesday's regular meeting.

In 1991, the Pontoon Beach board agreed to allow Jones to build seven 12-family apartment buildings. Four of the buildings were completed, and three more were to be built at a later date.

But the village's building code has been changed since the time the board approved the project.

Trustee Mike Macek reported that he noticed construction at the apartment complex site, and asked if Jones was still in compliance with state codes.

Macek said he did not see an architectural seal on the building prints Jones turned in to the village — as the village

requires. He also noted that because the buildings are three story buildings, they need to be equipped with sprinkler systems and two exits, for fire safety reasons.

"Just because the board approved it three years ago doesn't mean he doesn't have to meet today's code," Macek said.

He said that the Village's building inspector, Bob Barthelmy, has refused to approve the plans.

Mayor Glen Wilson said Jones told him the sprinklers would be added, and Wilson said he thought the exits were in place.

Macek said that either way, the board never gave Jones the approval to begin building again, and "I don't think permits can get issued by someone who isn't qualified," he said, referring to Wilson.

"I don't want you inferring that the village is doing something in violation of (See PERMITS, Page 10A)

LOCAL NEWS

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Boyfriend is murder suspect

Police now consider a murder victim's boyfriend as the prime suspect in a double homicide last week in Chouteau Township. Last week, police were seeking information about Felipe Lamont Hall, 29, who was the boyfriend of slain Christina M. Masters, 20, of Maryland Heights. The naked bodies of Masters and Samantha Beasley, 17, of St. Louis, were found by a farmer at about 7:15 a.m. Oct. 4 in a soybean field west of Old Alton Road, near the Chemtco plant on Illinois Route 3.

"Due to information received over the weekend, I feel confident we can say Hall is our suspect," said Sgt. Mike Boyne of the Belleville Police Department, who is spearheading the double murder investigation for the Major Case Squad.

Madison avoids teacher strike

Madison teachers will not strike for at least two years. The Madison School District 12 teachers' union and board of education tentatively agreed on a two-year contract after more than four hours of negotiation over the weekend. Last Thursday, the Madison Illinois Federation of Teachers announced it would file notice of its intent to strike if a contract wasn't reached by Tuesday, Oct. 11. The board and teachers reached a tentative contract agreement late Friday night.

Fireman will fight charges

A Granite City firefighter paramedic will remain suspended without pay as he and his attorney prepare to refute administrative charges brought by the fire chief. Greg Hoesse, 34, of the 2200 block of Woodlawn Avenue, last week asked the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for two weeks to prepare his case. Hoesse is charged with one count of gross misconduct, one count of a firefighter and two counts of violating a "last chance" agreement with the city. The complaint against Hoesse requests the board to set discipline up to and including discharge.

Late goal kills Warriors

On a day made for upsets, the Warrior soccer team would have settled for a tie against Aquinas in Friday night's Tournament of Champions thriller. But the Falcons had other ideas and avoided their share of upset Friday in dramatic fashion when Kevin Kalish scored with 1:32 left in regulation play to overcome the Warriors 1-0. A tie would have advanced the Warriors to the semifinals.

Eyesore being cleaned up

After more than 20 years of prodding, the Madison County Housing Authority finally has been persuaded to get rid of an eyesore behind the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Venice. Weeds, boulders, debris rats and snakes are being cleared from the property. Work should be completed by the end of the week.

Cable viewers will get credit

Failure in a piece of electronic equipment caused about 13,000 Crown Cable Television subscribers in the Granite City area to lose service for nearly 17 hours over the weekend. Those customers will see a credit on their bills this month. The interruption in service was caused by failure of a five- to six-year-old low-noise amplifier atop a 130-foot tall reception tower in Granite City.

Officer faces discipline

Venice police officer Chris Modrusic used "excessive force" to subdue a suspect in July and injured the woman in the process, according to a complaint against Modrusic. The complaint was the subject of a disciplinary hearing against Modrusic last week. The hearing was continued to sometime later in the month.

Legionnaire's disease hospitalizes 3
Iness caught unlikely threat here

An outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in St. Louis should pose no threat to residents of this area unless they have been in the specific location where the three victims contracted the illness.

Legionnaires' disease is a form of acute pneumonia that is spread in an enclosed place, not from person to person, Illinois Department of Public Health spokesman Tom Schaefer said.

"If it were traced to a particular building and people from Illinois went to the same place, there might be some concern, but that doesn't seem likely," Schaefer said. Health officials in the St. Louis area are investigating an outbreak of the disease that put three men in the hospital. The officials would not identify the men but said they were friends who live in St. Louis and St. Charles counties.

Investigators are trying to learn how and where the men contracted the disease. A spokesman for St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur said two of the men were in critical condition at the hospital. A

third patient had recently been discharged, the spokesman said.

The sometimes deadly disease is caused by a small bacterium called Legionella pneumophila, said Carl Langkop, chief of the Illinois Department of Health's communicable disease control section.

The bacterium lives in water and is transmitted to people when water becomes aerosolized and people who are susceptible breathe it in, Langkop said. "It's not transmitted by ingestion of contaminated water," he said.

The disease is probably under reported by medical sources because many people have mild cases, Langkop said.

People with increased susceptibility include those with immune deficiencies, such as cancer patients undergoing radiation therapy, people who have had organ transplants, people taking large doses of steroids for certain diseases, and people with impaired respiratory systems such as those with chronic lung diseases or heavy smokers.

"It's going into the lungs and people with compromised respiratory tracts can't handle it as well as people in good health," Langkop said.

Almost any water source can be contaminated with the bacterium, Langkop said. A recent fatal case of the disease in northern Illinois is believed to have come from the shower head in the victim's bathroom, Schaefer said.

Many of the outbreaks reported throughout the country have been traced to contaminated water cooling towers. "A mist does arise from the operation of those towers," Langkop said.

Thirty-seven cases of Legionnaires' disease were reported in Illinois in 1992 and 26 cases in 1993, Langkop said.

Legionnaires' disease got its name in 1976, when 34 people died of the disease in 1976. Twenty-nine of the dead had attended an American Legion convention in Philadelphia. The other five had been near the convention. From the Alton Telegraph

Police beat

The following are among incidents reported recently at area police departments.

Drug possession

• Larry E. Scaggs, 36, of the 2800 block of Iowa Street, turned himself in to police at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6 on an on-duty warrant charging him with unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver.

Bond on the warrant was reduced to \$10,000.

Scaggs allegedly possessed more than 100 grams of cannabis and a small quantity of cocaine.

• Larry D. Everett, 33, of the 2900 block of East 23rd Street, was arrested at 3:45 p.m. Oct. 3 on a warrant charging him with unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver.

Pruett allegedly possessed about a quarter of a pound of marijuana.

Weapons charges

• Robert M. Greene, 37, of Darmstadt Road in Oakdale, was arrested at 9 p.m. Oct. 4 and charged with unlawful use of a weapon and reckless conduct. Greene allegedly fired two shots from an SKS assault rifle into the air while in the 2100 block of Monroe Street. He was arrested a few minutes later at Ken's Lounge.

Genealogical Society meeting is tonight

The Madison County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the fellowship meeting room, wheelchair accessible, of the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 North Main St., Edwardsville.

Following the business meeting, Amy Garces will explain and demonstrate the use of the duleimer in the lives of our ancestors.

The society meets the second Thursday of each month. For information, call Elsie Wauker at 656-2288 or Marie Eberle at 656-1789.

Federal fugitive's suicide note fails to convince authorities

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

A man who was indicted in May for allegedly concealing an escape plot to rob two area financial institutions using stolen military equipment is now a fugitive after he failed to show up for his federal trial on Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge William L. Garrison issued a warrant on Tuesday for the arrest of Frank D. Feichtinger of Collinsville, an assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Garrison.

Feichtinger had been free on \$50,000 bond while awaiting trial. He was arrested in St. Louis Police found Feichtinger's car parked on the Missouri side of the Chain of Rocks Bridge on Oct. 8.

"He left a rather lengthy suicide note with blood sprinkled on it (in the car), but we're cynical enough to think he is probably still among the living," Garrison said.

Garrison said Feichtinger is not considered dangerous. But he said Feichtinger is now a wanted federal fugitive, and anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Fairview Heights office at 624-6248.

A five-count indictment filed in federal court on May 3 alleged that Feichtinger planned to use stolen military equipment to break into vaults at Eastern Federal Savings and Loan, 100 E. Clay, and Magna Bank of Belleville.

He is accused in the indictment of

three different types of thefts at military facilities and to prepare for the two break-ins.

He allegedly broke into the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Belleville on July 18, 1992, and the Illinois National Guard Armory in Carbondale in July 1992 and the Missouri National Guard facility at Jefferson Barracks in spring 1992.

Among items he allegedly stole were a Humvee military vehicle, a 2½-ton Army truck, 22 night vision military goggles, chemical warfare masks, classi-

fied military radio equipment, a practice Claymore mine and an M-18 smoke grenade.

Feichtinger and an accomplice planned to use a pipe bomb to destroy alarm systems between Magna Bank of Belleville and the Belleville Police Department, according to the grand jury indictment. Once inside the bank, the indictment alleges, they planned to don the night vision goggles and use a tank of liquid helium to crack open the vault.

Feichtinger and Timothy Holster of Mesa, Ariz., were arrested in July 1992. Almost all the stolen military equipment, valued at about half a million dollars, was recovered.

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Church offers movie Sunday

Cedar View Baptist Church, 3700 Ruth Drive in Pontoon Beach, invites everyone to attend the showing of a movie, "Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames," at 6 p.m. Sunday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) hereby give notice of intent to issue a joint Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) post-closure care permit to Reilly Industries, Inc. in Granite City. The facility's mailing address is Reilly Industries, Inc., 1911 and Edwardsville Roads, P.O. Box 307, Granite City, Illinois 62040. The permit will allow Reilly Industries to provide post-closure care for a hazardous waste land fill unit. Reilly is currently storing hazardous waste in three (3) existing tanks and adding one tank under this permit. The facility has been operating under interim status as provided for in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 725.101(b).

Citizens are invited to review copies of the permit application, draft permit decision and related fact sheets at the following location:

Granite City Public Library

2001 Delmar Ave.
Granite City, Illinois 62040

Interested citizens may submit written comments on the permit decision documents during the comment period. Send all comments to the Public Involvement Coordinator listed at the end of this Notice by December 30, 1994. In response to public requests or at the discretion of IEPA or U.S. EPA, a public hearing can be held to clarify one or more issues concerning the draft permit decision. A request for a public hearing must be made in writing and must state the nature of the issue to be raised at the hearing. Written requests should be sent to the Public Involvement Coordinator listed below. Public notice will be issued 45 days before any hearing.

All comments submitted will become part of the Administrative Record and will be evaluated by IEPA and U.S. EPA in making the final permit decisions. The two agencies will respond to comments on the draft permit decision and indicate whether additional documents have been included in the Administrative Record. Anyone who submits written comments will be notified of the final permit decision and the permit decision appeal process.

The IEPA Division of Land Pollution Control is authorized to administer the RCRA program and, as of April 30, 1990, specific 1984 HSWA provisions (and RCRA) that address corrective actions, waste minimization, mixed wastes and other regulatory functions. Corrective Actions are responses required of constituents. IEPA welcomes information from the public that describes any releases. U.S. EPA is authorized to address the provisions of HSWA such as land disposal restrictions and some TCLP provisions. For further clarification of program authority, refer to the March 1, 1990 Federal Register, Vol. 55, No. 41, R 220.

The permit application, draft permit decision, related information and all data submitted by the applicant, as part of the Administrative Record, are now available for public inspection Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the following location:

Illinois EPA
Office of Community Relations
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County OKs bonds for jail expansion project

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Madison County Board members voted 20-1 Wednesday on a bid of \$5.5 million in bonds to expand the county jail by 98 beds, make improvements in its security systems and fix a chronically leaky roof.

The lone dissenter was Dennis Dubbele of East Alton. County Administrator James Monday referred to Wednesday's special meeting as a formality. Its main purpose was to set the maximum amount in bonds that will be issued, he said.

Monday said the county plans to create a new jail tax in December to finance the bonds. The current 1.74-cent jail tax, which costs the owner of a \$50,000 house \$2.89 a year, is scheduled to drop off tax bills next summer when bonds issued in 1979 to build the jail are retired.

Blueprints for the project are nearing completion. Monday said. "The project should be ready to go out for bids just after the first of the year, with construction beginning in the spring."

Monday told the board: "We can't make a final decision on what the final amount will be until we get bids on the project, but if we were to take out \$4.8 million in bonds and pay the rest of the cost out of the general fund, we could save some money in interest. It would cost \$425,000 a year to pay off the bonds (on \$4.8 million), and we'd like to keep those expenses as low as possible."

The cost of the previous bond issue was \$350,000 a year, Monday said.

Some officials had proposed dipping into the county's \$10 million savings account to partially or completely finance jail expansion and repairs, but that plan

was quietly dropped in recent weeks in favor of extending the jail tax.

Proponents of using the reserve fund have said they abandoned the idea when it became clear County Board Chairman Nelson Hagmann and other leading members would not back the plan.

The jail has been severely overcrowded for the last 18 months, especially on weekends when the number of arrests in the county generally increases. A leaking roof has aggravated the situation.

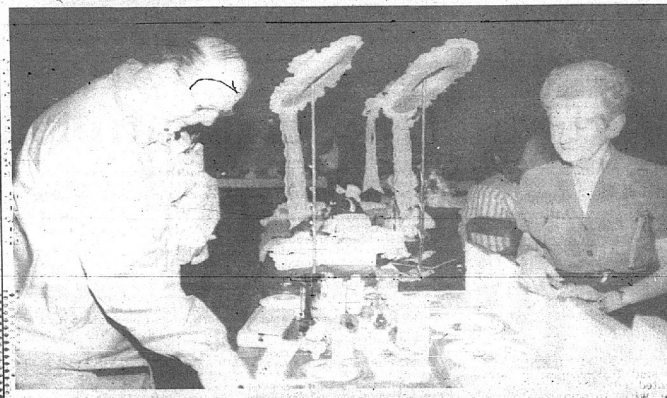
When the jail was built in 1979, County Board members were warned the flat roof would be susceptible to leaks. It was chosen to save money. The flat roof would be replaced with a pitched truss roof.

Some information for this article came from the Alton Telegraph



(Photos by DIANA KINDER)

Collectors — Dawn Wolf, left, and her mother, Shirley Dedar, visit with Clarine Coggins, right, at her booth at an Avon collectors' show and flea market, held recently at the Brown Recreation Center. Below, George Beeman, left, looks over Gertie Ashford's display. All are members of Granite City's Avon Club.



College night is Oct. 26 at GCHS

Seventy-five representatives of universities, colleges, technical schools and career areas have been invited to talk with students and parents from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Granite City High School cafeteria.

Representatives of the following will be present: Aurora University, Belleville Area College, Blackburn College, Bradley University, Central Missouri State University, Culver-Stockton College, Deaconess College of Nursing, DePaul University, Eastern Illinois University, Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fontbonne College, Greenville College, Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hickory School, Illinois College, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan College, Iowa State University, ITT Technical Institute, Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, Knox College, Lindenwood College, Lutheran Medical Center Nursing School, MacMurray College, Maryville University, McKendree College, Millikin University, Missouri Baptist College, Missouri School for Doctors Assistants,

Monmouth College, Northeast Missouri State University, Parks College of St. Louis University, Patricia Stevens Career College, Purdue University, Quincy University, Ranken Technical College, Robert Morris College, Rockford College, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Louis University, Sangamon State University, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville School of Nursing, Southeast Missouri State

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Vatterott College, Webster University, Western Illinois University, Western Illinois College, United States Air Force, U.S. Air Force ROTC, U.S. Army, U.S. Army ROTC, U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy and Illinois Army National Guard.

Blood drive today at K of C Hall
A blood drive and Eagle Scout project will be conducted from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

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Editorials

'Green pages' worthwhile

We hope Madison County officials proceed with a proposal to prepare and distribute a "green pages" pamphlet that will direct residents to recycling opportunities.

With growing environmental awareness, many county residents are recognizing their legal, social and moral obligation to recycle. Most people who are motivated to recycle have figured out what to do with the basic aluminum and glass. But many people are either unaware that many other products, from used motor oil to old paint, can also be recycled or they don't know where to take such products.

The proposed county guide would be a useful tool to would-be recyclers, would help the county in its long-range goals of meeting state mandates to reduce the amount of trash dumped in landfills and might even help reduce the amount of trash dumped at roadsides and in ravines.

County officials, who envision a 12- to 15-page booklet that residents could handily store with their phone books for quick reference, are looking into the costs of such a project and would need approval of the county board and its environmental control committee.

We think the project is well worth county support. It won't be long before Madison County gets into recycling in a big way with the planned construction of a materials recovery facility designed to sort recyclables and direct them to manufacturers who can use them.

A basic component of every recycling program is already operating in county schools and businesses. It's not too early to start expanding that educational campaign to each and every resident, and the proposed green pages pamphlet is an ideal way to do it.

—From the Alton Telegraph

Letters

School bonds demand support

TO THE EDITOR:
After reading your articles and your editorial regarding the proposed renovation of Granite City High School, I am convinced that we must support this issue. At a time when people are voting against government bonds, we must not confuse this proposal with other political issues.

The fact is that our high school is 70 years old. As with any structure of this age, simple repairs and maintenance are not always the answer to existing problems. New technology and the use of computers require a better electrical source than could have ever been planned when this building was originally built. New energy efficient windows, doors and heating systems will provide utility savings in the future. New classroom space and better lighting will provide a better learning environment for our children.

Voting yes for this bond issue will not increase the current tax rate. As I understand the proposal, all the money raised from this proposal will be used to restore and renovate this building. What better gift can we as a community give our children than a state-of-the-art high school?

We as taxpayers have the opportunity to promote one of the most important features of our community without increasing our taxes. Please, let's pass this issue will not change the fact that our high school needs work. Let's show surrounding communities that we are ready to take a positive step into the future. Support the referendum to restore and renovate Granite City High School.

BUD CHARBONNIER
Granite City

Voters should seize chance

TO THE EDITOR:
I am writing in support of the proposed bond issue to restore and renovate Granite City High School. When fire consumed part of the high school in 1971, I stood across the street and watched helplessly as the building burned. I, like many others, knew that part of my childhood memories were going up in flames that evening. Fortunately the fire was contained and the biggest part of the building was not damaged.

Now we have the opportunity to restore this building. We can provide an environment where our children and future generations can continue to receive a quality education in a building they can be proud of. A newly renovated building should provide excitement and an increased willingness to learn among our students.

During the 1971 fire I felt helpless and knew there was nothing I could do to change the outcome of that night. Now we all have the opportunity to help

supporting this bond issue we can restore this grand old building and give back a little that we have taken from it.

HAROLD GEHARDT
Granite City

Pontoon should slow spending

TO THE EDITOR:
I am writing in response to the news article in the Sept. 21 Granite City Journal, "Pontoon board looks at cost saving plans."

I thought that the five-percent tax on utilities was to get the village back on its feet. Members of this board voted before they were elected they would slow down the spending and use the utility tax to get the village back on its feet. I don't see this happening.

The clerk's office wants a new copier. The old one is only two or three years old. What's wrong with the old one? You can upgrade computers cheaper than buying new ones.

I can see the need for new street lights in the village where there is none for the safety of the people. But I can't see replacing vapor lights with sodium vapor lights which cost the village \$1,600 more a month. This cost is being spent "for a brighter future." If we run out of money, how bright can the village's future be? (News article "Pontoon Beach getting new lights", Jan. 22).

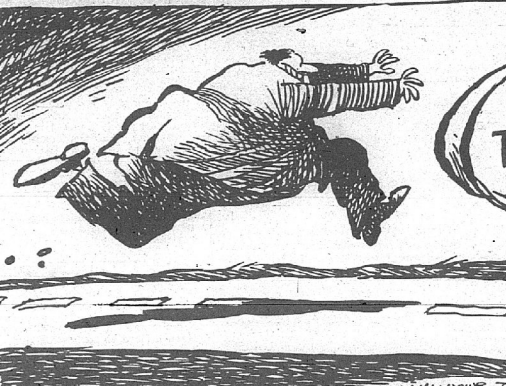
This is my main reason for writing: I don't think we need light-duty police officers. From what I understand, the village pays the officer full wages and the workmen's compensation pays back 66 percent to the village. If a police officer is on workmen's compensation and the village pays him his wage of \$300 a week, workmen's compensation will give back to the village about \$200. If the police officer is on light duty, the village pays all \$300 and gets no money back. If a police officer is off on workmen's compensation for six weeks, the village will pay out \$1,800 and get back about \$1,200. If he is on light duty, the village pays all \$1,800. The village said that the workmen's compensation premium would increase from all the claims. Will it raise more than the village can save with a light duty officer?

The village wants the light-duty police officer to answer the telephone and to write reports. I would not want a police officer who is on medication or in pain handling my call or writing my report. People say that the officer will not be on medication at work. If this is the case, the officer does not need to be on workmen's compensation. I would rather the officer stay home and get well and come get hurt when he is on light duty, the village may end up paying 100 percent disabled officer. Will this save the village money?

The residents of the village need to let the village board know how they feel about the light-duty police officer.

LINDA MCFARLAND
Pontoon Beach

WHY DID MIKE ESPY CROSS THE ROAD?



McGinnis did much for community



Bill Winter

When my wife, Lois, served on the board of the Tri-City Chapter of the American Red Cross, her fellow board members included Frank McGinnis of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Both were accountants and had friendly conversations about the accounting profession. His death Aug. 18 came as a shock to the thousands in this community who knew him and liked him. He resided in Collinsville.

I met Frank quite a few years ago when I was a fledgling SEMC advisory-committee member and he was a key hospital administrator.

He was named SEMC controller in 1969, financial vice president in 1979 and senior vice president in 1984.

Frank was a past treasurer of the Red Cross chapter, past president of the Granite City Optimist Club and past president of the Southern Illinois Chapter of the Health Care Finance Management Association. During several of my stints as a surgery or medical patient, despite his busy schedule, he never failed to visit my room to cheer me up and make my mind off my problems.

Frank gave helpful reports at committee meetings, supervised

a number of hospital departments and programs, and shared overall responsibility in around-the-clock "duty officer" assignments.

Throughout his long association with the Granite City hospital, it grew impressively in size, diversity and stature.

Frank retired last year but remained active as the 1994 general chairman of the yearly volunteer fund-raising campaign, WINGS (We're Investing in New Growth at St. Elizabeth).

He is survived by his wife, five children and 14 grandchildren. Most of his family had been present at an SEMC dinner in 1993 when Frank was a surprise recipient of the hospital's highest honor, the De La Roche Award. Jack Grieves, an SEMC vice president, said in the September issue of the hospital's "Health Talk" publication that McGinnis "was the type of person you

hope you can be like. He kept things going smoothly. He was a unique person whose death has left a big hole in many lives."

Paul Rackiewicz, executive vice president, said McGinnis "was a man everyone would like to emulate. He had genuine class, always smiling and friendly. He was a good listener, adviser and friend. You always smile when his name is mentioned."

President Ted Ellerman said, "His many attributes, when listed, certainly lead to the conclusion of the 'ideal' person. His dedication and loyalty to the organization and his commitment to his family serve as the standard — the ideal. He loved life and lived it well. Above all, he was a true friend."

Sister Mary Thomas, chairman of the SEMC governing board, said, "At the funeral Mass, Father Hampe summed up Mr. McGinnis very well when he said 'he was devoted to two women in his life, both named Elizabeth. First was Betty, his wife. Next was St. Elizabeth's, a place on Madison Avenue in Granite City where Jesus continues to carry out His work, not always able to cure but always caring.' I miss him very much," she commented.

The family said memorial donations honoring Frank McGinnis may be made to the WINGS campaign.

Another longtime friend, Lamont Heidinger, died Sept. 25. A resident of Edwardsville most of his life, Lamont was a former special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and then an investigator for the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

He owned the France Plumbing and Heating Company and retired last year as secretary-treasurer of the Madison Mutual Insurance Company. As a member of Rotary International for more than four decades, I got to know him through his service as governor of the local Rotary district, which includes Madison County and extends as far north as Peoria.

Mr. Heidinger was an outstanding example of a principled business executive and human being. Memorials may be given to the Edwardsville YMCA or St. John's United Methodist Church, Edwardsville.

News of the rich, famous and notorious

Carol Clarkin



Like the seaside conversation of the family and the Carpenter, this week's column is addressed to "many things, and I don't mean shoes, and cabbages and kings."

First, some of the mind-blowers in news of the rich and famous and the down-and-dirty notorious. For instance, the conspicuous consumption department, I'd have guessed that it might be pretty hard to beat that of the popular author of highly predictable next-step-to-junk novels, Danielle Steel. Steel, in a recently published autobiography, coyly admits to having splurged a teeny bit on the occasion of her husband's 50th birthday, with a \$100,000 party and about \$250,000 more in gifts.

Further tokens of Danielle's love for her husband, who has a small daughter, Zara, (and wouldn't you just know she'd name a kid something like that!) name a kid something like that! She bought the lot \$200,000 worth of Barbie dolls, 18 in all, gowned in designer dresses and furs. Hard to imagine what the kid will get when she's out of elementary school and into junior high!

This, of course, is small spuds indeed compared to the engagement ring Ivana Trump recently received from one Riccardo Mazzucchelli — a "flawless Burmese sapphire with a heart-shaped diamond," worth a mere million. Ivana was quoted as saying that Riccardo is a terrific guy who appreciates a good relationship. You can bet the farm on that! Diamonds may be a girl's best friend but sapphires like that one aren't to be sneezed at, nor are the couple's choices of residences, a \$4-million love nest in London or his shanty in a Florida shanty-town. A

porn actress, Tiffany Lords, is reportedly badly shaken because, she claims, she's been impregnated by, of all people, John Wayne Bobbitt. All she wants from Bobbitt, she says, is for him to pay for an abortion, so she can get back to her career. She may have a tough row to hoe here, though, since he's been convicted (for the second time) of using his former fiancée, one Kristina Elliott, as a punching bag. He served 12 days on the first conviction and has now been ordered back to jail to serve 30 more on the second one.

Speaking of porn movies, our boy is apparently starring in an autobiographical picture, "John Wayne Bobbitt... Uncut," and was due to miss his Los Angeles premiere, due to his unfortunate incarceration. This guy never learns. Battering women was one of the causes of his instant become not that long ago, and he's still at it.

There's a surgical team out there somewhere who have a lot to answer for! More information I couldn't have lived without: There's a new product available at a Beverly Hills boutique called Quake Wax.

You use it to stick expensive objects to tables during an earthquake and, presumably, the good crystal to the china cabinet. Assuming that you have time, of course. Price of the stuff wasn't published and there was no mention of how you get the priceless objects unstuck, later, but it has to be good. The owner of the boutique

made a gift of it to Prince Michael of Kent, and we all know how frequently London is devastated by earth tremors.

Now for the good news. As of last week, out in Fantasy Land where Superior Court Judge Lance Ito was teetering on the brink of banning television cameras from the murder trial cameras from the murder trial and has set Nov. 7 as a hearing date for that decision.

I don't know how many of you read Mike Royko's column on a regular basis, but Royko recently came up with a suggestion that I can only applaud.

If, like Royko and myself, you

feel there's been a horrendous overkill on the Simpson case, take pen in hand and write the good judge, urging him to cut off all TV coverage once the trial begins, as he did during jury selection.

Royko even provided the address (and thank you, Mike): Judge Lance Ito, Criminal Courts Building, 210 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

It's worth every bit of a 25-cent stamp and a minute or two to write the simple request and lick the envelope.

This is going to be one circus in which I'm not anxious to watch them send in the clowns.

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People

Exciting weekend set for boys



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Niles Township area for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 831-6266.

The October meeting of the Ruth Class of Calvary Baptist Church was held in the fellowship hall at the church. After welcoming, prayer requests were taken for John Haas, Kathy Clem, Ruth Moser, Mrs. Showers, Marie Cook, Charles Sutton, Mary Hoover's granddaughter, Pauline Hall, Gladys Randolph, Gladys Hutson, Merle and Harvey Beaver and Maureen Lewallen. The teacher, Pauline, led the prayers.

Lois Bevins gave a devotional on "Love is a Medical Miracle", taken from 1st John 4:8. Ruth Dagon, secretary, and Pat Wallis, treasurer, gave reports. Dorothy Watkins, cheer chairman, reported sending four get-well cards, three birthday cards and one sympathy card. The group voted to buy lunch for the revival team. The hostess for November will be Lois Bevins. Hutson will give the devotional and Wallis will have charge of the games.

An action-packed weekend is planned for the Tri-City Area YMCA boys, sixth through eighth grades, beginning Friday, Oct. 21, with an overnight stay at the YMCA. The boys will enjoy swimming, basketball, indoor soccer and a wiffleball tournament.

Saturday, Oct. 22, there will be a field trip to the Elephant Rocks State Park. While there, the boys will hike and play touch football. Meals are included in the \$25 fee. The YMCA van will make pickup and transportation, if needed.

Members of the Senior Plus Group may call 465-3285 for any information on a Precious Moments "Turning on the Lights" trip on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12.

The group will check into the Holiday Inn after arriving in Joplin, Mo., where a welcome reception is planned. There will be short tours of the Precious Moments Factory followed by a dinner buffet at Tiffani's Restaurant. A "grand lighting" event is scheduled later in the evening.

Make reservations early by calling the number above.

The Madison County Senior Baptist Associational Group, Saints Alive, met recently in the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and enjoyed a pot luck dinner. President Bob Lewis called the meeting to order with a prayer and welcomed everyone. He also thanked the church for its hospitality. He then told jokes about senior citizens.

Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. Kathy Sargent led in singing a hymn, "When I Need Him Most." Virgil Stogdill led in prayer for the prayer requests. Reports were given and approved. Plans were discussed for a trip. Sargent and Brenda Fox led the singing of other hymns, "The Glory of the Lord is My Strength" and "God Will Take Care of You."

A nominating committee was appointed to get officers for 1995. The committee selected to elect new officers is Vera Ridgeway, Elouise Love, Myra Groe and Glen and Phyllis Knight.

The Rev. Steve Fox, pastor, gave the devotional on "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and asked the food blessing. Those serving the pot luck dinner were Gertrude Sullivan, Rachel Pinon, Mildred Stark, Olive Stogdill and Elouise Love.

Dr. Wilkinson donated a birthday cake and ice cream, which were served after the meal to those mentioned above and Louise Acocks, Faye Golab, Virginia Arakaki, Lavada Odom, Ruth Rupprich, Marie Benson, Vera Kirkpatrick, Wilma Perrell, Loula Patton, Walter Patton, Jim Ridge, Dorothy Harp, Deloris Hillis, Norma Jolley, Bryce Jolly, Ellen Douglas, Vilma Rice, Alice Oxford and Elinor Stogdill.

The next meeting will be a pot luck dinner at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 11 in the Grace Baptist Church, 2000 Edwards, Granite City. The senior group is needing new members and invites all seniors to join.

By Hilley Schulte
Staff writer

For 27 years, Venice-Lincoln Technical Center (VLTC) has given students a second-chance opportunity to earn a high school diploma. Today, a diploma is just one aspect of the center's growing resources.

VLTC offers free GED (General Education Development) preparation, adult basic education, business occupations education, certified nurse assistant training and computer instruction. Soon, the center will reopen training programs in machine shop and welding.

Last year, the basement training areas for machine shop and welding were destroyed by flood. Renovation of the area is almost complete, and the center is expected to offer the programs beginning next week.

GED preparation offers adult basic education courses designed to improve skills in basic math, reading, English, spelling and writing, which are all on the GED test.

All of the programs offered at VLTC are taught on an individualized basis, allowing students to advance at their own pace. This is especially helpful with GED and adult basic education because students come to the program at different levels.

The classes are free and open to all area students.

Students are tested in reading and math when they first begin at VLTC. If a score is too low, the student works on the subject until he or she is at a level to begin a given program.

Like Carlissa Ware, 20, of Venice. Carlissa wanted to start the CNA training program in September, but she scored a little too low on her reading test. Now, she is taking classes in reading, math and computers to be prepared for the next CNA training, which starts in December.

Ware said she is already up to the reading level, but will continue to take classes until the training starts. Carlissa said she wants to become a CNA because she likes to help people.

Derek Lewis, 23, from Washington Park began GED studies recently at VLTC because "it's time to grow up." Lewis left high school when he was in the 11th grade, but he is confident he'll be ready to take the GED with the help he is getting. "With the way they teach here, I'll be ready to pass with flying colors," he said.

Business occupations students complete a variety of business courses to obtain a certificate of proficiency as a general office worker, word processor, medical dental office worker, bookkeeper or office desk clerk.

Ann Banks obtained her GED through VLTC last year and is now working towards a career in business.

"Sometimes, it's scary to try to reach a particular goal. I get discouraged sometimes, but the teachers give me that extra push," she said.

Business teacher Lynn Svezia said she always wishes more students would finish the programs at the center, but all together, she thinks the statistics are good.

"We've had a couple of real stars. We train mostly for entry level jobs. We're like a family here. Students help each other, and a lot of them go on to community college. It's a great place to launch something," said Svezia.

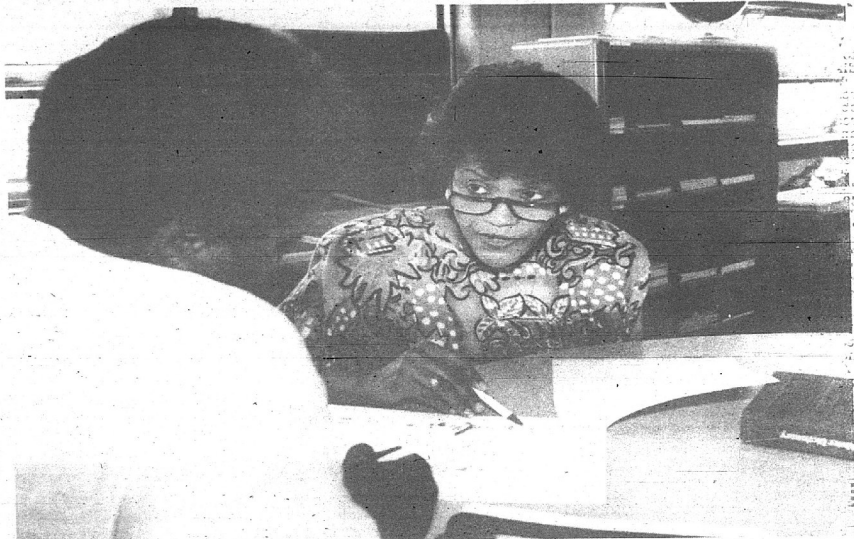
Rosanita Valente, 32, of Venice has been working with the business occupations program off and on since 1992. After completing two more courses she will be through.

"When I started, I wasn't working. I had my CNA, but I wanted to do something different. I came here to occupy my time and get into business," she said.

Valentine plans to attend Belleville Area College when she is finished at VLTC.

Elizabeth Sanchez of Fairmont City hopes to be a general office worker when she finishes the business program at VLTC. "I've been interested in business for a long time. Project Chance told me about this place," she said.

Project Chance is public aid program



(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Betty Cunningham, a reading teacher at Venice Lincoln Technical School, reviews a vocabulary list with a student.

"Sometimes, it's scary to try to reach a particular goal. I get discouraged sometimes, but the teachers give me that extra push."

— Ann Banks
GED graduate

that helps its clients further education or a career.

Certified nurse assistant training is the only program that has limited enrollment. It only takes 20 students per training session, and is offered three times annually.

It is a 12-week state-certified program that prepares students for employment as nurses' aides. Students learn nursing skills in the classroom and then demonstrate those skills while working in a hospital and a nursing home under the direction of the instructor.

Instructor Mary Mueller teaches basic human anatomy and disease conditions associated with each of the eight body systems.

"The program is excellent. She teaches everything we need to know, and runs back through it," said Tracey Santilli, a CNA student from Collinsville.

Abra Jones, another CNA student from East St. Louis, said, "I came here last year and got my GED. It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. The CNA program is really challenging. It's pretty fast-paced, but I never feel like I can't keep up."

An older student, Patty Mervine of Granite City, said that because she was older, she thought she might have a difficult time grasping the material, but so far she said she is doing well. "She is very strict with the procedures. We have a great class. Everyone cooperates and we all help each other," said Mervine.

In cooperation with the Venice School (See VLTC, Page 6A)



Business teacher Mary Shaw, seated, works with student Shonda Russell during class at Venice-Lincoln.



Student Ann Banks works on her typing skill and speed during a typing class at VLTC.

Samuel Yarbrough, a business student, works on a payroll project during class at VLTC.

Wellness Fair slated here Saturday

Every member of your family can learn more about his or her health at the Family Wellness Fair, sponsored by Providence Occupational Health Services (POHS) and St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

The fair, which will be held Saturday, is designed to educate each age group about preventative steps to take for good health. Seminars, screenings, information and demonstrations are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the POHS Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa; St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave.; and the Wolf Medical Building, 2044 Madison Ave.

Seminars include:

- 9 a.m., Advanced Directives and Living Wills will be presented in the Wolf Medical Building by Donna Fisher, director of Education Resources;
- 9 a.m., Women and Heart Disease will be presented in the Wellness Center by Karen Morris, registered nurse and certified exercise specialist;
- 10 a.m., Depression and the Elderly will be presented in the Wolf Medical Building by Sister Mary Michael, vice president of nursing;
- 10:30 a.m., Communication With Children will be presented in the Wellness Center by the staff of the Behavioral Health System;
- 11 a.m., Women's Health Issues will be presented in the Wellness Center by Dr. Gerard Malnar; and
- 12:30 p.m., Attention Deficit Syndrome will be presented in the Wellness Center by the staff of the Behavioral Health System.

Exhibitors include:

- Nutrition Education will be presented in the Wellness Center by St. Elizabeth Medical Center's food service department.

Healthy Lifestyle will be presented in the Wellness Center by the POHS Wellness Program; and

Laboratory Information will be presented in the Wellness Center by Dr. Pamela Gronemeyer.

Screening activities:

- Hearing Screening will be presented in the Wolf Medical Building by the St. Elizabeth Medical Center's audiology department;
- Prostate Testing, cost of \$5, presented in the Wolf Medical Building by the St. Elizabeth Medical Center's education resources department. Register by calling 798-3201.
- Blood Pressure/Pulse Screening will be presented in the Wellness Center by the St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Cardiac Rehab; and
- Body Composition will be presented in the Wellness Center by the POHS Wellness Program.

Demonstrations and features include:

- 9:30 a.m., Aerobics Demonstration will be presented in the Wellness gym;
- 10 to 11 a.m., Fire Safety will be presented in the Wellness Center by the Granite City Fire Department;
- 10:30 a.m. and noon, Tai Kwon Do Self Defense will be presented in the Wellness Center;
- 10:30 a.m. to noon, Ask the Pharmacist will be presented in the Wolf Medical Building by pharmacist Don Dudaek;
- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Stress Breaker Massages will be presented in the Wellness Center; and
- Tours of the POHS Wellness Center.

The Family Wellness Fair is free to the public and attendance prizes will be awarded. The prostate screening is \$5 and pre-registration is required. To register, call education resources at 798-3201.

SIUE urged to step up program for health-care professionals

SIUE will be a key player in helping prevent a Southern Illinois shortage of dentists, nurses and other health-care professionals.

A state task force has concluded that central and Southern Illinois already has a doctor shortage and the same could happen with dentists and nurses if better coordination of Southern Illinois University health professional training programs isn't put into place.

The task force found that "a principal shortage of family physicians, pediatricians and obstetrician gynecologists exists now and is likely to continue through the year 2010" in the 84 counties studied at the behest of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. New or enhanced programs at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's School of Dental Medicine and School of Nursing

are among recommendations of the health education task force.

The task force report, which stresses the need for better coordination among SIU academic units that train health care professionals, will go to the SIU Board of Trustees today and the board may consider adoption in November.

Health experts say that while Illinois is among the national leaders in the number of physicians produced, some parts of the state, including much of the study area, are underserved.

The report's 37 recommendations include: Expansion of the SIUE Nursing School's bachelor's program and graduate programs in material child nursing and family nurse practitioner.

Enhancement of the Nursing School's health care delivery team program to train students

in rural, community and interdisciplinary health care.

Collaborations between the SIUE Dental School and the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University for faculty development and pre-doctoral education.

Starting a new dental hygienist program offered by Lewis and Clark Community College using the Dental School as a clinical site and coordinated with a planned new bachelor's degree program in dental hygiene at SIU-Carbondale's College of Technical Careers.

Developing a physician's assistant program at the Technical Careers College and expanding programs from two to four years in dental hygiene, health care management, mortuary science, radiologic technology and respiratory therapy.

— From the Alton Telegraph

•VLTC

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district, VLTC offers a free tutoring program. Eleventh and twelfth graders are trained to tutor basic English and math one-on-one with students.

A free pre-school program for children ages two to five years of age is available for adults attending VLTC.

Teachers Janet Nolan and aide Regina Bane, offer an academic environment at the pre-school.

"It's not just a day care. The kids learn social and academic skills here," said Louis B. Williams, center director.

Another benefit for students with children is family-planning coordination. Denise Rhodes leads the program that offers about four workshops a month pertaining to information for good parenting skills and domestic violence. Field trips and nutritional programs, are also available to students.

"The program tells you how to

live normally without screaming and yelling at your kids. It teaches effective storytelling because we believe reading to your children is very important," said Rhodes.

Free transportation is available to and from school. Two buses operate in Madison and St. Clair Counties to transport students. Venice-Lincoln Technical Center is funded by state, federal and public adult education funds.

For more information on VLTC, call 674-7792.

SIUE School of Nursing to hold open house

The School of Nursing at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will hold open house Oct. 19 for people who are interested in entering the field of nursing.

The event will be held in the School of Nursing student lounge, located on the second floor of Classroom Building III from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The opportunity should be of special interest to high school students, registered nurses, veterans and others interested in obtaining a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Participants will meet the dean of nursing, advisers, and members of the nursing faculty, as well as receive information on undergraduate, graduate, and the Bachelor of Nursing Completion Program (designed for registered nurses).

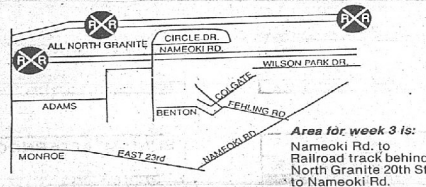
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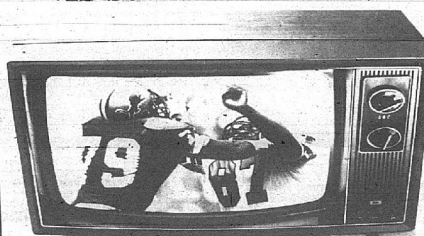


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2. Possess or be able to obtain a valid Illinois Driver's License.
3. Pass a written examination, oral interview, background investigation, polygraph test psychological exam, physical aptitude test, and a thorough medical examination.
4. According to City Ordinance #4811, shall become actual residents (domiciled) in the City of Granite City within 90 days from the first date of their gainful employment with the City of Granite City. The establishment and maintenance of primary residence within the City of Granite City shall be a condition of continued employment for said employee.
5. According to City Ordinance #4304, become a State Certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) within 36 months of their hire date. In addition, all newly hired employees shall be required to become State Certified as a Firefighter II within 36 months of their hire date.
6. Have a high school diploma or GED.
7. Have 20/20 vision or at least 20/50 binocular vision without glasses correctable to 20/20 with glasses and shall not be colorblind.
8. Be able to obtain five letters of reference.
9. Understand that according to Ordinance #4303, applicants who have passed the EMT Certification Tests shall receive 3 bonus points and applicants who have passed the EMT-P Certification Tests shall receive 5 bonus points.
10. Pick up an application from only Lynda Cowley at the main Granite City Fire Station, Madison Avenue, between the hours of 8 and 12 noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 10, 1994. Applicants, or their representative, will be asked to sign when picking up their application. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the current application is complete, containing all required documents.
11. COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION BY OCTOBER 28, 1994 to Lynda Cowley, same location. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 28th UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
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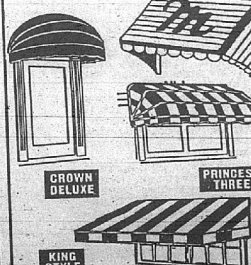
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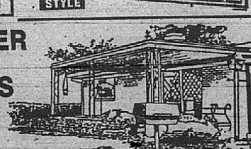


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Sherry Richardson
and Trent Kennedy

Richardson- Kennedy

Sherry Lyn Richardson, daughter of Marie Richardson of Granite City, and Trent Clinton Hudson Kennedy, son of Deborah Kennedy of Granite City, have announced their engagement. Richardson, a graduate of Granite City High School, is currently attending Belleville Area College and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed with Wal-Mart in Granite City as a cashier. Kennedy, also a graduate of Granite City High School, graduated from UTI in Phoenix, Ariz., with honors for Student of the Phase. He is employed with Houser Automotive in Granite City as a mechanic. The couple is planning a March 25, 1995, wedding.



JoAnn Buxton
and Brandon Hite

Buxton-
Hite

JoAnn Buxton, daughter of John P. and Carol A. Buxton of Granite City, and Brandon Hite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hite of Anthony, Kan., and Linda Hite of Springfield, Mo., have announced their engagement. Buxton is currently attending college studying education. She is employed with Lone Star in Springfield, Mo., as a hostess. Hite is also attending college majoring in computers and electronics. The couple is planning a Nov. 26 wedding at Methodist Church in Blue Eye, Mo.

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The bride wore her original wedding dress while reaffirming their wedding vows with their pastor David Tyler of Second Baptist Church in Granite City.

"Because" and the "Lord's Prayer," were sung by Dana Wallace and Rich Kindel during the reaffirmation of vows.

After the vows, Rene sang "Love Will Be Our House" as a tribute to her parents. Amy Wigger played the flute for several songs.

Betty Grote served as candle lighter as she did in 1954.

Pat Turck and Betty Ambrose, Shirley's sisters, and Janet McAmish, cousin of Shirley, served as the bridesmaids, as they did in 1954.

Bob Sanders was the best man and Bill McAmish and Jim Daily both served as groomsmen, as in 1954.

Rene served as matron of honor for her mother and was the master of ceremonies for the program that followed the ceremony.

Soloists were Rich Kindel, Rene Mayberry, Dana Wallace and Mary Tadlock.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Butler of Fenton, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boger, all of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scheider of Mount Prospect, Ill.; Rev. and Mrs. J.D. McCarty and Mr. and Mrs. Niles Leach, all of Edwardsville, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Ambrose and children and Betty Ambrose, all of Chicago.

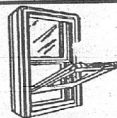
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Mr. and Mrs. Denny Boger of Wood River, Mr. and Mrs. John DeWandel, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ambrose and Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wigger and Amy, all of Florissant, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Wallace and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Dosier, all of Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Stauder and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Perrell and son, all of St. Charles, Mo.;

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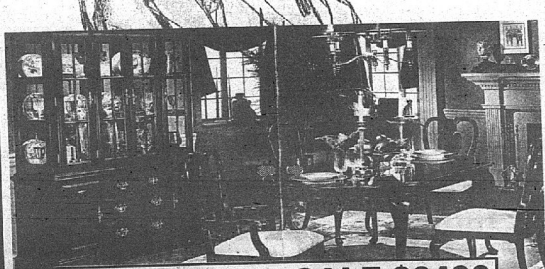
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Obituaries



Elmer Eckert

Elmer G. Eckert, 88, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1994, at University Manor, Edwardsville, after a one-year illness.

He was born Jan. 9, 1906, in Darmstadt, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for 54 years prior to moving to Edwardsville six years ago.

A baker with the St. Louis Bake Shop for 31 years prior to his retirement in 1971, he was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Granite City, where he was active in the Layman's League.

Mr. Eckert was active in the Boy Scouts for 34 years, a Silver Beaver and a former neighbor-

hood commissioner with Cahokia Mound Council.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Eckert of Florissant, Mo., and Robert Eckert of Seattle, one brother, Louis Eckert of St. Petersburg, Fla., one sister, Ruth Eckert of Collinsville, eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ceresa (Fisher) Eckert, who died in January 1986; his parents, George M. and Katherine (Herber) Eckert; five brothers; and two sisters.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 2305 Grand Ave., Granite City, where services are requested for Saturday with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials are requested for Concordia Lutheran Church.

Robert Clark Jr.

Robert A. Clark Jr., 9 weeks, of Granite City, died at 6:40 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1994, at his residence after a sudden illness.

Born Aug. 6, 1994, in Granite City, he was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his parents, Robert A. and Dawn Ramsey of Granite City; one brother, Alan Michael Hozian of Granite City; his maternal grandparents, Oliver W. and Patsy W. Wooten of Granite City; his paternal grandparents, James and Sandra Monroe of Granite City;

his great-grandparents, Clarence and Virginia Engle of Belleville; five uncles, Robert Wooten, Billy Ramsey, James and Nathan Monroe and David Clark; and four aunts, Laura and Stacy Wooten, Katrina Monroe and Jennifer Ramsey.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Fred Carnell officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Hazel Denson

Hazel (Hambly) Denson, 86, of Granite City, died at 8:25 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1994, at Edwardsville Care Center East, Edwardsville. She was born March 12, 1908, in Dawson Springs, Ky.

A homemaker, she was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Assembly in Granite City. Survivors include one son, Robert Denson of Granite City; two daughters, Lucille Allen of Madisonville, Ky., and Mary Allen of Louisville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Denson; her parents, Marion and Margaret Turner of Albany, two brothers; and one sister.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 328 S. Maryville Road, Granite City, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Harold Maynard officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

•Mill

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a disadvantage in competing with other firms, whose profitability is limited by such factors as production capacity, bottlenecks in the production system and an inability to get the product to customers, he said.

Maxwell said that, while their attention on foreign competition over the last 20 years, the emergence of mini-mills became the biggest competition in the steel market. The mini-mills are competitive because they target more specific markets and thus can cut costs per ton by 15 to 20 percent, Maxwell said.

"The mini-mills are going to eat us alive in the next five years if we don't get our costs down," Maxwell said.

V. John Goodwin, president and CEO of National Steel, said that the IEPA permit is essential to allow the Granite City Division to compete with the mini-mills that are scooping up market share in the steel industry.

He projected that — without

changes such as price increases (which the market will not bear) or reduced production costs — as much as 40 percent of National Steel's market could be eaten up by mini-mills or other competitors in the next eight years.

"Without changes, only the mini-mills and the big producers such as Bethlehem Steel and U.S. Steel will survive," Goodwin said.

Right now, while demand for steel is high, the best way to reduce costs per ton (and increase profitability) is to increase production, Goodwin said.

In short, increasing our production capacity would increase profitability," Maxwell said. Granite City is also working on other ways to increase efficiency. National Steel will remain committed to all applicable environmental regulations during the permit application process.

"We will make all of our steel in an environmentally sound manner and comply with all applicable environmental regulations during the permit pro-

cess," he said.

Maxwell said that the IEPA denied a request for a temporary application to raise production limits, but the agency did change the way it figures compliance, which had the effect desired by the company.

While the IEPA had in the past computed production based on an average over a one-month period, now it will average the figures over a period of 15 days from Oct. 1 of this year to Dec. 30, 1995, Maxwell said.

In the past, if the mill was getting close to its quota as the end of the month neared, production had to be slowed, Maxwell said.

But because a 100-day shutdown of a blast furnace at a \$20 million relining tentatively scheduled for next March or April — will slow production during the permit application, the mill can go full speed ahead and remain in compliance, Maxwell said.

Since 1973, National Steel has invested \$95 million in environmental controls at its Granite City facility, Maxwell said.

•Taxes

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roads often lease the land for farming until the property is sold or developed.

Russ Semanish, who supervises commercial and industrial assessments in Madison County, said that the apparently unassessed parcels are coded in his office as being classified as "rolling stock" and assessed by the state.

But some of the parcels we have found aren't even anywhere near railroad tracks," Semanish said.

Difficulty in tracking down the property in question stems from the state Department of Revenue's annual report to the county, which lists all railroad property by length of rail track but does not include parcel numbers, Semanish said.

"The state sends us a report every year, but can't make heads or tails of it. I can't guess I'm going to have to go to Springfield and express my concerns there," Semanish said. But, the county has discovered 69 such parcels totaling about 335 acres, Semanish said.

Two parcels that appear in Harris' office to have no assessed value are located in a field between Missouri Avenue, A.O. Smith, Highway 3 and West Pontoon Road in Granite City. The Norfolk and Southern Railroad and the Tri-City Regional Port District plan to place a railroad loop on the property next year. The \$2 million project — funded by a low-interest loan from the state — is expected to increase railroad traffic by up to 20,000 rail cars per year.

The county's tax records show no assessed valuation for an 80-acre parcel at the site nor for an adjacent parcel of more than 13 acres. Records show no taxes being paid to the county on either parcel since at least 1972. Both parcels have been farmed for many years.

"These two parcels are what brought our attention to the problem," Semanish said.

While those two parcels are zoned industrial, property being used for agricultural purposes must by law be assessed based on productivity. Semanish said the county assessor's office is seeking records upon which it will base the assessment of the

property. Semanish also found two unassessed railroad parcels with radio towers on them — one in Hamel Township and one in Foster Township. "The property owners are apparently leasing them," he said.

"We are going to be picking up all of these parcels, putting them on the books and notifying the property owners," Semanish said.

He said that "taken values" of \$500 per acre will be given to non-farmed acreage and of \$100 to the strip properties that would appear to have no use.

The property question does not mean a lot of tax money for the county, he said. Based on a figure of 335 acres and using an average value of \$500 per acre, the property would have a fair market value of \$167,500. Assuming an assessed valuation of 33 percent, the property would have an assessed value of about \$55,833. Using an average tax rate of \$7 per \$100 of assessed valuation, the tax total comes to about \$3,909 per year.

Dr. King awards to be presented

Community members and faculty and staff at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are eligible for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award.

The award will be presented Jan. 11 at the annual birthday celebration luncheon honoring the late Dr. King.

The Humanitarian Award has been established by the University "to recognize outstanding individuals who demonstrate the humanitarian qualities and phi-

losophy of nonviolent social change, such as those enunciated and demonstrated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

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nominees should have demonstrated how he or she has increased understanding and tol-

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•Officials

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would have to reduce staff by at least 50 percent to survive a shut down of the steel company.

National Steel, the parent company of Granite City Steel, has applied for permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that would ease restrictions on the amount of steel produced in Granite City and allow the company to be more competitive.

National Steel officials, Elmer R. C. Bush of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Ron Selph of Granite City and Mayor John Belleoff of Madison are all urg-

ing the community to support the steel company in its request.

"To lose 3,000 jobs at Granite City Steel would mean the loss of at least another 6,000 jobs," Bush said.

For example, Granite City Steel is planning to replace a blast furnace sometime next year. The project is expected to take 100 days and pump about \$70 million into the local economy by employing craft and trades workers.

A shutdown of the plant would also affect other manufacturers that depend on Granite City Steel for materials, Bush said.

The community should unite to help Granite City Steel lift the

cap on production," Bush said.

In addition to jobs, Selph said that Granite City Steel accounts for about 25 percent of the property tax base in his city. Without that tax base, the city would be unable to adequately fund fire and police protection and other vital services, Selph said.

"I would like to see the IEPA lift the cap on production," Selph said.

"Something has to be done. I have been to Pittsburgh and have seen what has happened there (with the closing of steel plants). I'd hate to think what would happen to our area if Granite City Steel closes," Belleoff said.

•Permits

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safety," Wilson responded.

"I just want the architectural seal to relieve the village of liability," Macek said.

At the request of Keith Jensen, village attorney, the board agreed to schedule a meeting with Jones to allow him to provide the architectural seal and come in compliance with state codes. Village Clerk Lou Whitell said that Jones has paid for all of the necessary building permits.

Macek noted that the fees were paid last week — not when the permits were approved.

•Cleanup

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rent proposed plan will be accepted Oct. 14 to Nov. 14. They should be sent to Susan Pastor, P-193, U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. 60601. Oral and written comments may also be submitted at an informal open-house session from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. during a public meeting Oct. 25 at Venice Senior Citizens Center, Broadway and Erie streets, Venice, and at the same times on Oct. 26 at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave., Granite City.

"Public input is an important part of EPA's decision-making process," said Regional Administrator Valdas V. Adamkus. "We hope we will receive comments from throughout Granite City, Venice, Madison and other affected communities."

Copies of the proposed plan and other site-related documents will be available for review at the Granite City Public Library, 2001 Delmar Ave., Granite City.

Each hospital in Unity-Health Network maintains its religious affiliation, governing structure, culture, mission, traditions and relationship with its medical staff members and associates. Each hospital is developing an organization with its physicians to better coordinate patient care. To include representation from the new member hospitals, Unity's board of managers has consisted of Saint Anthony's Hospital and Saint Clare's Hospital, both located in Alton.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville is the largest hospital in southern Illinois, with 506 licensed beds. It is part of the

Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BARGIEL, George Joseph Sr., 73, of Port Murray, N.J., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 1994, at Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg. Services were held Oct. 3 at Scala Memorial Home, Hackensack, N.J. Burial was in New Jersey.

BOYER, Theodore Francis, 91, of Winfield, Mo., died Saturday, Oct. 8, 1994, at Lincoln County Nursing Center, Troy, Mo. Arrangements were by Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, Winfield. Memorials to donor's choice.

BUCHER, John Joseph, 78, of Granite City, died at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, 1994, at his residence. Services were held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher-Keller. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the Hospice of Madison County.

HOHE, Joyce Almeda (Keller), 56, of Belleville, died Friday, Oct. 7, 1994, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. Services were held Monday at George Renner and Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, by the Rev. Ann

Asper Wilson. Burial was in Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville.

HOLLIS, Evelyn Irene (McKinnis), 68, of Granite City, died at 12:25 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 1994, at her daughter's residence. Services were held Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to the Hospice of Madison County.

MAY, Margaret M. (Brown), 88, of Granite City, died at 9:40 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 1994, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Leon Belt. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

MOSOLYGO, Helen E. (Uhring), 80, of Granite City, formerly of East St. Louis, died at 12:25 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, 1994, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were held Wednesday at St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ, Granite City, by the Rev. Rose Hermon. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City. Memorials to St. Peter Evangelical United

Church of Christ or the Hospice of Madison County.

RASCHE, Brian Keith, 24, of Woodridge, died at 9:10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 1994, at St. Louis University Medical Center, St. Louis. Services were held Tuesday at Church of God in Bethalto by the Rev. Jessie Wiggins. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Weber Funeral Home, Edwardsville. Memorials to the Church of God in Bethalto.

ROGERS, Elizabeth (Martin), 86, of Madison, formerly of Raleigh, Ill., died Thursday, Oct. 6, 1994, in Kirkland, Ill. Services were held Saturday at Sloan Funeral Home, Galatia, Ill., by the Rev. Todd Taylor. Burial was in Raleigh Masonic Cemetery, Raleigh.

SHIRLEY, M. Lucy (Miller), 74, of Granite City, died at 8:20 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 1994, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Services were held Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Don Alred and Rev. Jim Robbin. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to West 22nd Street Baptist Church in Granite City.

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Caring — The Community Care Center of Protestant Welfare held its 6th annual "Back to School Care and Share" program August 3 through the 10. Proceeds received throughout the year from fund raisers and from donations enable the agency to buy new clothing for needy children. Some 315 children received an outfit of clothing, which included new shoes, socks, underwear, jeans and T-shirts. Pictured are three of the many volunteers who participated in the event; from left are Doris Sexton, Mae Lee and Jean Hileman.



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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) recently completed a Proposed Plan that evaluated the residential lead soil cleanup level for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site in Granite City, IL. Based on current information, U.S. EPA calculated the protective cleanup level for lead in residential soil. That level ranges from 410 parts per million (ppm) to 490 ppm. However, U.S. EPA is recommending 500 ppm as a protective, practical cleanup level.

U.S. EPA is continuing to review appropriate cleanup alternatives for the Taracorp pile, main industrial area and ground water. U.S. EPA will conduct pilot studies and release another proposed plan in 1995 for these areas.

Copies of the Proposed Plan and other site-related documents will be available for review at the Granite City Public Library, 2001 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL. An administrative record, which contains the documents upon which the cleanup plan will be based, has also been placed at the library.

Comments on the proposed plan may be submitted in writing to:

Susan Pastor, P-19J
Community Relations Coordinator
U.S. EPA
Office of Public Affairs
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604
312-353-1325 or 1-800-621-8431

Comments will be accepted from October 14 to November 14, 1994.
Comments will also be accepted at:

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✓ Thanksgiving T-shirt painting, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., one

session, room to be announced. Fee is \$14. Supplies are \$6.
✓ Trick or treat, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., one session, room 526. Fee is \$16. Supplies are \$16.
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After 25 years, church secretary retires

Mary K. Groshong has retired from her position as church secretary at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. She began her 25 years of service to the church as financial secretary under Rev. Paul Sims. She served full time as church secretary under Rev. Roy Baugh, Rev. William Mathias, Rev. Louis Frick, Rev. Joseph Hall, Rev. Ralph Totten and Rev. Bruce Rushing. A reception for Groshong was held Oct. 9 in the church parlor. During the 10:30 a.m. worship service, a celebration of ministry and retirement was held. Elizabeth Briggs presented a tribute to Groshong, and Mark

Kleindorfer presented her with a monetary gift from the congregation.

Groshong says she has enjoyed her job and always tries to be helpful and friendly. While she could not offer counseling, she was willing to listen to those in need. To her, it was not just a job, it was a 24-hour a-day position. Although she will miss her work, recent health problems have led her to retire. She has been a church member for more than 40 years and will continue to be active in the church.

Groshong is very well thought of by the church's congregation. During a recent hospitalization,

she received more than 200 cards. When doctors saw the dozen or more floral arrangements in her room, they asked if she was "someone famous."

Groshong is married to Bruce Groshong. They have two sons, Bruce and Tom, and two granddaughters, Courtney and Holly. She raised, as her own, her nephew, David Seilheimer, and niece, Susan Seilheimer Baska. Her parents, Clyde and Eula Meyers, have also been members of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church for more than 40 years.



THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Sometimes landlords contact this office and ask whether or not they can be held liable if a tenant is injured on their property. With many rental units, the tenant rents the apartment itself and the landlord retains control over common areas such as stairways, passageways, and hallways.

Whether or not the landlord can be held responsible for injuries sustained by tenants and their guests depends upon the way in which the accident happened in each particular situation. Generally speaking, if the landlord retains control over a part of the property for the common use of several tenants, he has a duty of exercising reasonable care to keep this property in a safe condition. This duty of exercising reasonable care in maintaining the property is owed not only to the landlord's tenants, but also to any guests on the premises.

In one recent case, an eleven year old girl was visiting with three children in an apartment complex. As part of a game, the children chased each other down a foyer which had a door with fifteen small glass panes. At one point, the plaintiff in this case ran toward the door as it was closing slowly toward her. As the child reached for the

doorknob, the door quickly slammed shut and her hand met one of the glass panes of the door. This caused her hand and arm to be forced through it, and she suffered permanent scarring and disfigurement.

The trial judge entered judgment in favor of the property owners. The plaintiffs took the case on appeal, and argued that the door was unreasonably dangerous because it was defectively maintained by the defendants. The injured girl noted that as she approached the door, it began closing slowly. When she reached for the doorknob, however, the door quickly slammed shut on her hand.

The Appellate Court found that the landlord was not liable for the injuries sustained by the young girl. The Court felt that the plaintiff failed to show that the owners of the property had knowledge of the existence of the defective condition of the door. The testimony indicated that the defendants had never witnessed the door closing in this fashion, nor had they received any complaints in that regard. In conclusion, the Appellate Court noted that a landlord will not be liable for injuries which are not reasonably foreseeable.

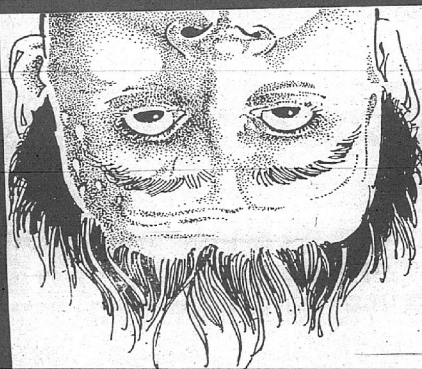
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Graduates from Manatee College

Janet Rutkowski, formerly of Granite City and now a resident of Bradenton, Fla., graduated with honors May 6 from Manatee Community College.

Rutkowski, a registered nurse, is employed with the Manatee Memorial Hospital Cardiac Unit. The 1976 graduate of Granite City High School is the daughter of Betty Rutkowski and the late Michael Rutkowski of Granite City.

Return from Northwest vacation

Edward and Mary Evalyne Yenko have recently returned from a two-week vacation through the Northeast. They spent a week with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Yenko, in Hebron, Conn. While there, they were joined by their son, Dr. Stephen Yenko of Stamford, Calif., who accompanied them to Washington, D.C.

On their return trip, the Yencos visited the Museum of the Civil War and the National Military Park and Battlefield in Gettysburg, Pa.

Birthday celebration

Victoria Popilchak celebrated her eighth birthday recently with a party hosted by her mother, Alicia Popilchak, at their home.

The hostess and honoree greeted the guests dressed as birthday clowns. "Clown bean bag" was played with winners receiving birthday balls and birthday maze puzzles.

Trebor the Clown entertained the guests with a magic show, juggling, balloon art and face painting. The birthday honoree assisted with the magic show as goldfish crackers were turned into real goldfish.

Guests were served hot dogs, chips fruit punch, birthday cake decorated with a juggling clown and balloons) and ice cream. Each guest received a birthday surprise pack and enjoyed outdoor trampoline, as well as merry-go-round rides and seesawing.

Those in attendance were Michelle Abbott, Elaine and Steven Atteberry, Jessica Cluts, Lacey Gamblin, Martha Hall, Danae Hanks, maternal grandmother Mae Hendrickson, Kristin and Michelle McKinney, Melissa Mullen, Pamela Stephens and Healthy Wineberry.

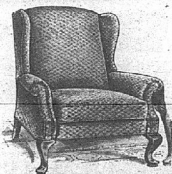


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By the numbers

Journal Writers' Poll
Boys Soccer

Week of Oct. 12

1. CBC (1).....16-1-2
2. DeSmet (2).....14-3-0
3. Aquinas-Mercy (3).....10-3-1
4. St. Mary's (NR).....12-4-4
5. Granite City (4).....14-3-0
6. St. Louis U. High (NR).....7-5-5
7. Chaminade (5).....N/A
8. Vianney (NR).....11-8-1
9. Rosary (7).....10-3-2
10. Riverview (NR).....N/A

Also receiving votes, in order: Howell North, Lindbergh, Duchesne, Fox St. Paul. Number in parentheses indicates last week's ranking.

Journal Writers' Poll
Football

Large schools

1. Hazelwood East (1).....6-0
2. Hazelwood Central (2).....6-0
3. Mehlville (3).....5-1
4. Belleville East (4).....5-2
5. Sumner (4).....4-2
6. Eureka (5).....5-1
7. ESL Lincoln (6).....5-2
8. East St. Louis (7).....6-0
9. Fort Zumwalt North (NR).....6-0
10. St. Louis U. High (10).....5-1

Also receiving votes, in order: Howell North, Edwardsville, Cahokia, Parkway South, O'Fallon. Number in parentheses indicates last week's ranking.

Small schools

1. Festus (1).....5-0
2. MICDS (3).....5-0
3. Ladue (2).....5-1
4. Freeburg (4).....5-1
5. St. Charles West (4).....5-1

6. Herculaneum (8).....6-0
7. Clayton (6).....5-1
8. Burroughs (9).....4-1
9. Orchard Farm (10).....5-1
10. DuPont (7).....5-2

Also receiving votes: Jennings, DeSmet, Lutheran North, Crystal City, Columbia, Brentwood.

Number in parentheses indicates last week's ranking.

Southwestern Conference		League		Overall	
Team	W	L	T	W	L
Belleville East	3	0	5	3	2
East St. Louis	3	1	5	3	3
Belleville West	2	1	4	3	3
Alton	1	2	3	1	6
Collinsville	0	3	0	0	7
Granite City	0	3	0	0	7

Last Friday
Belleville East 42, Collinsville 8
Francis Howell 31, Granite City 14

Last Saturday
East St. Louis 14, Alton 3
Francis Howell North 14, Belleville West 7

This Friday
Belleville East at Belleville West, 7:30
Granite City at Triad, 7:30
O'Fallon at Collinsville, 7:30

This Saturday
ESL Lincoln at East St. Louis, 1:00

Cahokia Conference		League		Overall	
Team	W	L	T	W	L
Prosser	4	1	1	2	2
Carlyle	4	2	3	2	2
Dupo	3	2	5	2	2
Columbia	3	2	5	2	2
Watertown	1	4	1	0	6
Breese Central	0	5	1	0	6
Red Bud	0	5	1	0	6

Last Friday
Columbia 20, Dupo 20
Watertown 21, Red Bud 0
Breese Central 13, Orchard Farm 6

This Friday
Columbia at Watertown, 7:30
Red Bud at Freeburg, 7:30
Dupo at Breese Central, 7:30
Christopher at Carlyle, 7:30

Mississippi Valley Conference

Team		League		Overall	
	W	L	T	W	L
Highland 39, Triad 15	4	1	0	6	1
Civil Memorial 22, Effingham 20	3	1	0	5	2
Highland 39, Triad 15	3	1	0	4	2
Mascoutah 24, Wood River 0	1	3	0	2	5
Wood River	0	4	1	1	6

Last Friday
Highland 39, Triad 15
Civil Memorial 22, Effingham 20

Last Saturday
Mascoutah 24, Wood River 0

This Friday
Roxana at Triad, 7:30
Highland at Jerseyville, 7:30

This Saturday
Civil Memorial at Mascoutah, 1:00
Wood River at Chillicothe, 1:30

South Seven Conference		League		Overall	
Team	W	L	T	W	L
O'Fallon	4	0	0	4	0
Edwardsville	3	1	0	3	1
Carbondale	3	1	0	3	1
Centralia	1	3	2	3	3
Marion	0	4	0	0	4

Last Friday
Edwardsville 49, Mt. Vernon 9
Centralia 32, Charleston 6
Silkston (Mo.) 47, Marion 14

Last Saturday
O'Fallon 22, Carbondale 0

This Friday
Mt. Vernon at Carbondale, 7:30
Centralia at Marion, 7:30

Cahokia at Edwardsville, 7:30
O'Fallon at Collinsville, 7:30

Independents		Overall	
Team	W	L	T
ESL Lincoln	1	5	1
Alhambra	0	5	1

This Friday
Columbia at Watertown, 7:30
Red Bud at Freeburg, 7:30
Dupo at Breese Central, 7:30
Christopher at Carlyle, 7:30

Mississippi Valley Conference

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Sports shorts

Royals rally for win
The Granite City Royals coed softball team posted a come-from-behind victory over Georgetown last week in Granite City Park District Red Division play.

The Royals scored eight runs in the fifth inning and held on for a 17-12 win Oct. 5 at Wilson Park. Leading the way offensively were Joe Barron, Dan Calo and Maureen Hayes, who each went 3-for-3 at the plate and Haynes had a double and a triple and Calo had a double. The winning pitcher was Ed Cunningham.

Legacy scramble
The Legacy Golf Club's scramble championship will be held Sunday, Oct. 23.

Tee times begin at 9 a.m. The cost of \$200 per team includes 18 holes, cart, buffet and prizes. Prizes will be awarded for first through fourth place and closest to pin on No. 8 and 15. Golfers will play from the blue tees. Entries are due by Oct. 19. For more information, call 931-4653.

MAC basketball sign-ups
The Mitchell Athletic Club is holding registration for youth basketball this month. Sign-ups for boys and girls in 3rd through 8th grade in surrounding areas will be held each Tuesday and Thursday in October.

Participants from last year must re-register. New sign-ups will be placed in a hat or drafted for divisions among the teams. The league has expanded

to include 7th and 8th grade leagues along with 3rd and 4th grade and 5th and 6th grade leagues. Practices will begin in November.

Registration will be held 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at Gene's Barber Shop, located one block east of Mitchell School at the corner of Lenox and E. Chain of Rocks Road. The cost is \$15 for 3rd through 6th grade players and \$20 for 7th and 8th grade players.

For more information, call Kevin Cripps at 831-6118.

Park District basketball
Men's basketball leagues are now being formed by the Granite City Park District. Games will be played on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Grigsby Junior High School and Prather Elementary.

The program will begin Nov. 16. The entry fee is \$200 and can be paid at the Wilson Park office. For more information, call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

Tennis camp
Men's basketball leagues are now being formed by the Granite City Park District. Games will be played on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Grigsby Junior High School and Prather Elementary.

The 10-week camp will cover basics of stroke production as well as competitive drills for singles and doubles conditioning.

The camp will be conducted by West James tennis pro Mike Fisher. For more information, call 869-0700.

Volleyball tryouts
The Team St. Louis volleyball club is holding tryouts this fall.

Tryouts for girls 12-and-under, and 14-and-under teams and boys, 14-and-under and 16-and-under teams will be held Oct. 23. Tryouts for girls 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams and the boys, 18-and-under team will be held Nov. 13.

For tryout times and locations, call Dennis Nosco at (314) 839-0018.

Soccer tourney
The Florissant United Soccer Club will host a Halloween soccer tournament at Jamestown Sports Complex later this month. The tournament is open to all boys and girls ages K1 thru U-14.

The cost is \$100. For more information or an application, call (314) 831-6202, (314) 877-6202 or (314) 831-4066.

AAU meeting
The St. Louis AAU Girls Basketball Coaches Association will hold an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at Matthews Dickey Boys Club. Coaches of all age levels are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Gary Glascock at 842-0150.

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Woman wants benefits after husband's disappearance

By Bill Hunot
Social Security Administration

Q. I am nearing age 60. I want to apply for Social Security widow's benefits, but I've got a problem: I don't know for sure that my husband is dead. He disappeared more than 25 years ago and no one has heard from him since. Can I collect on his Social Security?

A. Even if you are unable to produce a death certificate for your husband, and it sounds like you cannot, Social Security may be able to presume that your husband is deceased. And that would allow you to receive widow's benefits.

However, before Social Security will presume your husband is dead, and before you can collect benefits, you must establish that your husband has not been heard from for at least seven years, and has been absent for no apparent reason during that period.

If his absence could be due to domestic or financial difficulties, or to some other rational reason, Social Security will not presume he is dead. Contact your local Social Security office for more details.

Q. I am 62 and retired. I was widowed at an early age. And I've worked all of my life. So I am eligible for Social Security benefits as a widow, and I am eligible for my own Social Security. I know if I take Social Security before 65, my benefits will be reduced. But I don't know whether to take my benefits or my late husband's. Can you help me?

Before Social Security will presume your husband is dead, and before you can collect benefits, you must establish that your husband has not been heard from for at least seven years, and has been absent for no apparent reason during that period.

A. Ordinarily, when you take reduced Social Security benefits before age 65, you've made a lifetime decision: You'll receive the reduced amount for the rest of your life. However, that may not be true for you since you are a widow.

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She also is potentially eligible for a full retirement benefit of \$600 at age 65 on her own Social Security record. If she takes her own Social Security at 62, she will draw a reduced benefit of \$480 per month.

She can't draw both benefits at the same time. Her options: She can take a reduced widow's benefit of \$660 at 62. If she takes this option, her benefit amount would be \$660 forever. Except, of course, she would get annual cost-of-living increases. Or she can start drawing her retirement benefit of \$480 at 62 and switch to the full widow's rate, \$800, at 65.

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However, if she needs the higher income now, she may be forced by her circumstances to take the higher widow's benefits as soon as she can.

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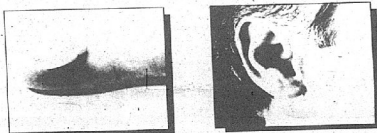
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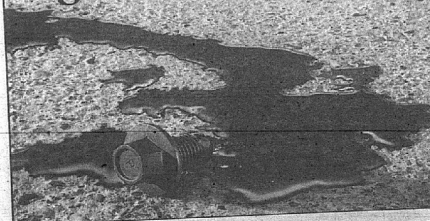
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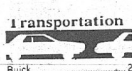
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